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Islamic Council of Europe

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Mrs Indira Gandhi
Prime Minister of India
New Delhi

Dear Madam Prime Minister,

The Islamic Council of Europe represents the interests of Muslims in Europe and the United Kingdom, a substantial number of whom come from the Indian sub-continent.

Our attention has been drawn to a recent series of religious rioting in the State of Maharashtra, which has resulted in innumerable loss of innocent lives and property. Naturally the Muslim community being in minority has suffered heavily and the Indian Muslims living in the UK, who have close links there, have been thus deeply affected.

What has made the matter worse are the reports pointing to the fact that some elements in the law and order machinery of the government have sided with the rioters and trouble-makers and have shown clear sympathy with the majority against the victimised Muslims.

India claims to be the largest democracy in the world. Your father once said that a government or a society is judged by the treatment it gives to its minorities. I sincerely hope that your government will not fail in its most sacred task to give adequate protection to its minorities.

Yours sincerely,

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